

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A portable telephone including:

first operating portion which can be operated in directions opposite to each other;

5 a display unit for displaying a block indicative of said first operating portion, predetermined information and a pointer;

controlling means for controlling said display unit so as to shift said pointer to a desirable position
10 within said predetermined information on a screen of said display unit in accordance with an operation of said first operating portion and also display a mark indicative of a direction to which said pointer can be shifted and in which said predetermined information
15 exists, adjacently to said block along a shift direction through said first operating portion.

2. A portable telephone according to claim 1, wherein:

20 said predetermined information is menu information composed of a plurality of items, and

said pointer is located correspondingly to one of said plurality of items.

25 3. A portable telephone according to claim 1, wherein:

said predetermined information is text information, and

30 said pointer is located correspondingly to one character or symbol in said text information.

4. A portable telephone according to claim 1,
wherein said first operating portion is a dial which can
be rotated in directions opposite to each other.

5 5. A portable telephone according to claim 1,
further comprising a second operating portion for
shifting said pointer in a direction vertical to a shift
direction of said pointer through said first operating
portion, wherein:

10 said controlling means controls said display unit
so as to display a mark indicative of a direction to
which said pointer can be shifted by said second
operating portion and in which said predetermined
information exists, adjacently to said block along a
15 shift direction through said second operating portion.

6. A portable telephone according to claim 5,
wherein said second operating portion comprises two keys,
which are arranged closely to each other, on both sides
20 of said first operating portion.